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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT FEE FOR  
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

1. MEDICO INTERNATIONAL, A PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AID AND  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION, REGISTERED IN SWITZERLAND,  
HAS DONATED A VOLKSWAGEN AMBULANCE FOR USE IN AN  
AID PROJECT IN PERU.

2. COST OF SHIPPING VEHICLE TO PERU BY SCHEDULED STEAMER  
BEYOND MEDICO'S MEANS. MEDICO HAS RECEIVED OFFER OF  
FREE TRANSPORTATION ON A BANANA BOAT RETURNING EMPTY FROM  
ANTWERP TO ECUADOR. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT AN OTHERWISE  
EMPTY SHIP CARRYING ONLY AMBULANCE VEHICLE WILL NEVERTHELESS  
HAVE TO PAY FULL FEE FOR PASSING CANAL. AMOUNT OF FEE  
CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN NORMAL SHIPPING CHARGES FOR VEHICLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT. DETERMINE WHETHER PANAMA  
CANAL AUTHORITIES COULD GRANT WAIVER OF PART OR ALL OF  
TRANSIT FEES UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE. IF  
NEGATIVE, CAN AUTHORITIES SUGGEST OTHER SOLUTION; EMBASSY  
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